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WAGES OF WORKERS OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the wages of workers employed in textile industry in India is lowest in comparison to other countries of the world except Cambodia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the average of per hour wages of workers employed in textile industry in India in comparison to other countries Sri Lanka, Pakistan, China and America; and

(d) whether the Government is proposing to take measures to increase the participation of workers in profit or hike the wages?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (d) A news item carried by some of the news papers have quoted a study which has stated that the average wage of Indian workers in textile industry is $ 0.38 per hour as compared to $ 0.41 in Pakistan, $ 0.48 per hour in Srilanka and $ 0.68 per hour in China. However a study titled "Cost benchmarking study- India vis-Ã -vis Bangladesh, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, China and Pakistan" got conducted by Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council has found that average wages of Indian workers during the period October, 2001 to March, 2002 was $ 0.50 per hour compared to $ 0.39 in Pakistan, $ 0.37 in Sri Lanka, $ 0.57 in China, $0.23 in Bangladesh and $ 0.34 in Indonesia.